

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during his sojourn on this most precious earth; and

**Whereas**, Virgil Crider of Oregon, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of his Eighty-ninth Birthday with a special celebration on September 14, 2003, in St. Joseph; and

**Whereas**, in 1914, God brought a special gift to the Crider family with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Virgil, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

**Whereas**, Virgil Crider made his formal debut in 1914 along with such notable people as Baseball Hall of Fame member Joseph Paul "Joe" DiMaggio, writer Ralph Waldo Ellison, and educator and writer William Howard Armstrong; and

**Whereas**, an individual who has lived during an era of incredible progress, Virgil Crider was born the same year that composer W.C. Handy wrote the St. Louis Blues, Charlie Chaplin developed his little tramp character in a series of slapstick films, and the Panama Canal was completed, connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans; and

**Whereas**, while celebrating his birthday, Virgil Crider had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life, such as his marriage to Ethel Mae Alkire (deceased) and the births of their offspring; and

**Whereas**, Virgil Crider has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include two children, Harry Crider of St. Joseph and Donna Cotton of Oregon; five grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, at the respectful age of 89, Virgil Crider is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his long and eventful life:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Virgil Crider at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his golden years; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Virgil Crider, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Brad Lager  
District No. 4

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4669, adopted November 17, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker